

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-2, 8-9, 11, and 14-28, all as shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An A computer-based~~ extendable application framework, comprising:
 - a user interface;
 - at least one service;
 - at least one extension;
 - wherein one of the at least one extensions can provide ~~access to~~ functionality accessible in the user interface; and
 - wherein one of the at least one services can provide access to functionality in one of the at least one extensions to another one of the at least one extension.
2. (Currently Amended) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
 - one of the at least one extension [[s]] can utilize one of the at least one services.
3. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
 - an extension is an interchangeable application building block.
4. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
 - an extension can include at least one of: 1) XML (Extensible Markup Language) description; 2) a set of classes; and 3) a set of resources.
5. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:

a service can include a public interface that can provide access to functionality in an extension.

6. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:

an extension can define handlers.

7. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:

an extension can provide functionality to support at least one of: 1) a document type; 2) a user interface action; 3) a file encoding; 4) property settings; and 5) debugging information.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method for configuring an application, comprising the steps of:

providing a user interface to allow user interaction with the application;

providing at least one extension wherein the providing permits one of the at least one extensions to ~~aceess~~ provide functionality accessible in the user interface; and

providing at least one service wherein the providing permits one of the at least one services to provide access to functionality in one of the at least one extensions to another one of the at least one extension.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein:

one of the at least one extension[[s]] can utilize one of the at least one services.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein:

an extension is an interchangeable application building block.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein:

an extension can include at least one of: [[2]] 1) XML (Extensible Markup Language) description; 2) a set of classes; and 3) a set of resources.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein:

a service can include a public interface that can provide access to functionality in an extension.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein:

an extension can define handlers.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein:

an extension can provide functionality to support at least one of: [[2]] 1) a document type; 2) a user interface action; 3) a file encoding; 4) property settings; and 5) debugging information.

15. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:

provide a user interface to allow user interaction with the application;

provide at least one extension wherein the providing permits one of the at least one extensions to ~~access~~ provide functionality accessible in the user interface; and

provide at least one service wherein the providing permits one of the at least one services to provide access to functionality in one of the at least one extensions to another one of the at least one extension.

16. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:

one of the at least one extensions can utilize one of the at least one services.

17. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
an extension is an interchangeable application building block.

18. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
an extension can include at least one of: [[3]]] 1) XML (Extensible Markup Language)
description; [[3]]] 2) a set of classes; and 3) a set of resources.

19. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
a service can include a public interface that can provide access to functionality in an extension.

20. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
an extension can define handlers.

21. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
an extension can provide functionality to support at least one of: [[3]]] 1) a document type; [[3]]]
2) a user interface action; 3) a file encoding; 4) property settings; and 5) debugging information.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting code over computer data signal embodied in a
transmission medium, comprising:
transmitting a code segment including instructions to provide a user interface to allow user
interaction with the application;
transmitting a code segment including instructions to provide at least one extension wherein the
providing permits one of the at least one extensions to access provide functionality accessible in the user
interface; and

transmitting a code segment including instructions to provide at least one service wherein the providing permits one of the at least one services to provide access to functionality in one of the at least one extensions to another one of the at least one extension.

23. (Currently Amended) The method computer data signal of claim 22 wherein:
one of the at least one extensions can utilize one of the at least one services.

24. (Currently Amended) The method computer data signal of claim 22 wherein:
an extension is an interchangeable application building block.

25. (Currently Amended) The method computer data signal of claim 22 wherein:
an extension can include at least one of: [[4]] 1) XML (Extensible Markup Language) description; [[4]] 2) a set of classes; and [[4]] 3) a set of resources.

26. (Currently Amended) The method computer data signal of claim 22 wherein:
a service can include a public interface that can provide access to functionality in an extension.

27. (Currently Amended) The method computer data signal of claim 22 wherein:
an extension can define handlers.

28. (Currently Amended) The method computer data signal of claim 22 wherein:
an extension can provide functionality to support at least one of: [[4]] 1) a document type; [[4]] 2) a user interface action; [[4]] 3) a file encoding; 4) property settings; and 5) debugging information.